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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application.

In response to the requirement for restriction in the outstanding office action, applicants elect the invention of Group I, including claims 1 - 6, drawn to a cement slurry.

Examination of the elected invention in due course is requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry,

Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 612.39487X00), and
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